

**Neighborhood** North Beacon Hill

**Implementor** SPU

**Matrix** WR4

**Activity** South Reservoir Phase II

*Recommission the South reservoir & cover with a hard-lid. Construct active play areas, including new ballfields landscaping, & walking paths on the lid.*

WR4: 1 of 1

**Sub-Activity** Implement feasibility study to examine possibility of covering the Beacon Hill reservoir.

**Sub-Act** Updated October 2005. No changes.  
**Comment(s)**

Jason Wachs  
10/17/05

2004 Priority Summary: The Council approved the undergrounding of the South Beacon Hill Reservoir in April 2004. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2006 and be completed by 2008. Council is determining the timing of the reservoir covering. The North Beacon Hill Council is working jointly with the Jefferson Park Advisory Committee to determine potential funds for the park related improvements following the undergrounding of the reservoir. The Jefferson Park Pro Parks plan completed in 2003 included potential playfield designs for a covered south end reservoir.

Dena Gazin  
09/09/04

Council is determining the timing of the reservoir covering.

Nancy Ahern  
03/02/04

Throughout the development of the Neighborhood Plan and the Jefferson Park Concept Plan, the North Beacon Hill community has been strongly supportive of placing a hard lid over the reservoir, creating open space for sports fields and other public use. There are few such opportunities to create significant park space within the city, and no others providing the views and site amenities afforded by the Beacon Hill reservoir location. More importantly, hard-lidding the reservoir guarantees the safety of Seattle's water supply.

Glenn Harris  
02/04/04

**Target Completion** 2008/0

**Estimated Cost** N/A

**Status** In-Progress

**Lead Agency/Contact** SPU; Eugene Mantchev, 684-0335

**Priority** Top

**Implementor** Police

**Matrix** LU5

**Activity** *Change Lowrise 2 (L2) zoning to Neighborhood Commercial/Residential 40 (NC2/R-40) at strategic locations to encourage additional mixed-use commercial and residential development within the retail core.*

LU5: 1 of 1

**Sub-Activity** Encourage mixed-use commercial and residential development through public safety programs, specifically increasing the number of bicycle police officers.

**Sub-Act** Updated October 2005. The last comment made about bike patrols in North Beacon Hill remains relevant.  
**Comment(s)** Another sub-activity was added in order to highlight the intention of this Activity in the Neighborhood Plan, which was to change the zoning at strategic locations in order to encourage mixed-use commercial and residential development within the retail core.

Jason Wachs  
10/19/05

2004 Priority Summary: South Precinct deploys bicycle patrols to the North Beacon Neighborhood on an average of at least twice per week as staffing allows. The South precinct has also begun deploying Community Police Team officers to the North Beacon neighborhood on bicycles for this spring and summer. The community has been happy with the latest police response.

Dena Gazin  
03/19/04

Very loose interpretation of this activity, but it was important to the community to voice their concerns about public safety within their neighborhood. Dena Gazin 02/12/04

**Target Completion** -Ongoing **Estimated Cost** N/A **Status** On-Going  
**Lead Agency/Contact** Police; CPT Sergeant Cindy Granard, 386-1393 **Priority** Second

**Implementor** DPD

**Matrix** LU7

**Activity** *Develop specific design guidelines for new commercial, mixed-use and multi family residential development within the urban village boundaries not currently covered by City guidelines and SEPA thresholds for design review. Develop specific design guidelines that support the community's character, scale, ethnic mix, cultural heritage and surrounding residential character.*

LU7: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Develop specific design guidelines for new commercial, mixed-use and multi-family residential development within the urban village boundaries.

**Sub-Act Comment(s)** Design Guidelines for North Beacon Hill have not been adopted and are not pending as of October 31, 2005. Jason Wachs 10/31/05

Citywide Design Review Guidelines for Multifamily and Commercial Buildings are the backbone of the Design Review Program. They are used by the Design Review Boards and City staff to judge the merits of proposed projects in the six Design Review Board Districts outside of downtown. Downtown has its own similar but separate Design Review Guidelines for Downtown Development.

The only Neighborhood-Specific Design Review Guidelines in SE Seattle include a Proposed set of guidelines in Othello. Submittal to City Council for approval of those guidelines was expected in Summer of 2005, but has yet to be completed.

These guidelines offer designers and developers flexibility in meeting the requirements of Seattle's land use code. A large part of design review governs a project's context -- the guidelines direct designers and project reviewers to look closely at local conditions in order to produce new buildings that enhance their surroundings.

In certain neighborhoods, the Design Review Guidelines for Multifamily and Commercial Buildings are supplemented -- but are not replaced -- by Neighborhood Design Guidelines.

2004 Priority Summary: Design guidelines currently underway. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) estimate they will be completed in early 2005. Dena Gazin 11/15/04

Old Summary: The Dept. of Planning & Development (DPD) does not think that the community needs to develop design guidelines to address its concerns, because of current citywide guidelines and new guidelines that will accompany the Sound Transit development on Beacon Hill. In addition, there are no resources for taking on additional neighborhood design guidelines efforts. The community is still pushing for design guidelines and the creation of a business core development plan. The Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) is investigating the possibility of NMF funds and CDBG funds to hire a consultant to assist the community in determining its needs. Dena Gazin 09/09/04

DPD has engaged our consultant Michael Kimelberg to move forward with design guidelines for North Beacon Hill. As one of only two remaining communities who expressed design guidelines as a priority, we agreed to move forward with consultant assistance. John Rahaim 05/20/04

We met with this community and both DPD and DON expressed our opinion that they did not need to develop design guidelines to address their issues. With guidelines that will accompany Sound Transit development and the Citywide guidelines, they are currently well served by design guidelines. In addition, there are no resources for taking on additional neighborhood design guidelines efforts. DPD would need additional resources added to our consultant contract to work in additional design guidelines.

John Rahaim  
03/03/04

Encourage mixed-use commercial and residential development. In their response to the NBC Neighborhood Plan, the City encouraged the community to make use of Neighborhood Matching Funds grants and Early Implementation funding to develop neighborhood-specific design guidelines. The North Beacon Hill Council would like to proceed with this recommendation immediately, and requests City guidance in the process.

Glenn Harris  
02/04/04

See also Matrix Code # OS4. This will be a community-initiated activity. 4/16/03- DCLU has not had any further contact with the community regarding the development of neighborhood specific guidelines. Until DCLU hears from the community, the development of neighborhood augmenting guidelines is not likely to be scheduled. (John Skelton, July, 17, 2000)

Dena Gazin  
02/04/04

**Target Completion** 2005/1

**Estimated Cost** N/A

**Status** In-Progress

**Lead Agency/Contact** DPD; John Skelton, 233-3883

**Priority** Third

**Implementor Neighborhoods**

**Matrix KSA**

**Activity** *Revitalize Beacon Avenue as the Urban Village Core.*

KSA: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Obtain Neighborhood Matching Funds / Small & Simple Grant funding which would be used for activities such as preparing multi-lingual mailings and website development.

**Sub-Act Comment(s)** The North Beacon Hill Council is currently maintaining a website. It is located at <http://www.seattle.gov/BeaconHill/> and is part of the City of Seattle's free internet sites for community groups. Information on this site can be translated into Spanish with a click of the mouse. The site includes links to many community organizations, groups, and clubs.

Jason Wachs  
09/07/05

One example is the Beacon Alliance of Neighbors located at <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/ban/>. The Beacon Alliance of Neighbors has the goal of improving the quality of life in Northwest Beacon Hill. BAN commits itself to making our area a place where people can live safely in a caring, active community.

A member of the City of Seattle's Greater Duwamish Neighborhood District Council, BAN sponsors community building events. It provides a forum for neighbors to participate with city, county, and state officials and agencies.

Founded in 1998, BAN meets the third Tuesday each month. Meetings are held according to a process recommended by the city's Dept. of Neighborhoods, where all residents have access to the agenda. Over 150 neighbors have attended.

The Beacon Hill Chamber of Commerce also maintains a website (<http://beaconhillchamber.com/index.php>) with both business and community links and information on how the Chamber can benefit businesses in Beacon Hill. Member benefits include business networking and development, the attraction of new clients and customers, the development of beautification projects, district development and improvement, and business insurance rate reductions.

2004 Priority Summary: The Chamber is seeking broader community involvement and decision-making. The North Beacon Hill Council would like to serve as catalyst to bring new and more diverse members of the community into the neighborhood planning process, and to encourage more active civic involvement on North Beacon Hill. The Chamber will be submitting funding proposals to the NMF this fall to support these efforts.

Dena Gazin  
09/09/04

All goals requiring future, broader community involvement and decision making. The North Beacon Hill Council would like to serve as catalyst to bring new and more diverse members of the community into the neighborhood planning process, and to encourage more active civic involvement by North Beacon Hill residents.

Glenn Harris  
02/04/04

**Target Completion**

**Estimated Cost** N/A

**Status** On-Going

**Lead Agency/Contact** Neighborhoods; Steve Louie, 233-2044

**Priority** Fourth